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SOURCE6 August 1949

1. Eighty new trucks were detrained in PRENZLAU (N 54/2 04) and moved to the Panzer Kaserne.

23 August 1949

2. About 650 troops wearing purple-bordered red epaulets were detrained in PRENZLAU during the night.

8 September 1949

3. Some of the kaserne buildings on Ueckersee (lake), PRENZLAU, were occupied by five to six hundred troops, mostly recruits. The combat units were at a troop training grounds.

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10 September 1949

4. A truck convoy with six hundred fully equipped troops arrived in the kaserne on Ueckersee, PRENZLAU. Several supply vehicles and field kitchens were observed with the convoy which arrived from the direction of Schornau.

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Units totaling about two thousand troops were quartered in the kaserne.  
Local residents stated that several truck convoys had arrived there during the preceding days.

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5. a. About five hundred 17 to 19-year-old recruits from the Soviet Union were quartered in the kaserne on Geckersee, PRANZLAU. When they arrived the recruits wore red epaulets, but received the insignia of their branch of service during the period of initial training.

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Cantonment buildings were being constructed along the kaserne fence.

- b. The following information was supplied on troops in the Geckersee kaserne:

An artillery unit, commanded by Col KARPOV, had been quartered in the kaserne up to late January 1949 but was transferred to VILLEN (N 53/Z 66).  
A tank unit, commanded by Maj Pyodor Ivanovich DOTSORTSOV, coming from ORANIEBURG (N 53/Z 67), arrived in the kaserne in early February 1949. This tank unit was still in the woods camp in the TEMPLIN (N 54/U 81) - ZENDELNICK (N 54/U 70) area at the time of observation (25 October 1949). It was expected to return to PRANZLAU in late October 1949. Maj DOTSORTSOV, allegedly a Hero of the Soviet Union, was almost always in PRANZLAU and only occasionally visited his unit in the TEMPLIN training area.

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Comment:

- a. The report again confirms the transfer of an artillery unit from PRANZLAU to VILLEN in early 1949. The transferred unit can only have been the 1st AA Div which was assumed to be stationed in the PRANZLAU area in 1948 (according to [redacted] and was identified in the SOLOSN-BAUDE-BOETZOW-VILLEN area in September 1949 (interrogation of deserter).  
A Col KARPOV, reportedly CO of this unit (division commander?) is not known.

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- b. The report also confirms that a tank unit was transferred from ORANIEBURG to PRANZLAU in February 1949.

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Maj DOTSORTSOV, allegedly CO of this tank unit, is unknown.

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Further information is required to determine whether this assumed training center is located in PRANZLAU temporarily or permanently.

The fact that the PRANZLAU field units participated in the 1949 summer maneuvers in the TEMPLIN training area is known from previous reports [redacted]. This confirms the fact that the PRANZLAU units belong to the fourth His Mecz Army (Cadre).

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